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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8, 9 and 29-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoosef et al. U.S. Patent 7,113,540 B2.

Regarding claim 1, Yoosef et al. invention may also be applied to equalizers servicing systems having Multiple Inputs and Multiple Output (MIMO) DFEs.

In column 16 lines 50-67, Yoosef et al. teaches in FIG. 8 a Multi-Input-Multi-Output (MIMO) digital communication system that operates to equalize a channel to mitigate inter-symbol interference (ISI) that results from channel multi path propagation. In the embodiment of FIG. 8, an input symbol stream includes P unique transmitted signals. In column 17 lines 25-35, Yoosef et al. teaches the structure of FIG. 7 can be employed to implement the structure of FIGS. 8-11.

In light of that, referring to FIG. 7, the input symbol stream is pre-processed by PGA 712, ADC 714, time compensation section 716. The pre-processed input symbol stream is inputted to a MIMO FFE 804 having a matrix filter $G(z)$ with length L; see column 19 lines 10-20. FIG. 7 further shows output from FFE 104.

Yoosef et al., however, does not expressly teach the matrix filter configured with a transfer function as set forth in the application claim.

In column 16 lines 55-65, because Yoosef et al. discusses that MIMO decision feedback equalization is used to mitigate inter-symbol interference (ISI) that results from channel multi path propagation, therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify matrix filter $G(z)$ such that the transfer function is an inverse of the multi-path channels to counter the ISI effects.

Referring back to FIG. 7, since the FBE coefficients are computed by convolving the FFE coefficients with the channel impulse response h , FBE 108 filters the noise term to generate a noise cancellation signal, which is combined with output of FFE 104 to cancel unwanted noise of the output signals.

Regarding claim 2, Yoosef et al. does not disclose the processing is discrete multi-tone type processing as claimed in the application claim.

However, since Yoosef et al. teachings apply to multi-channel applications, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to apply Yoosef et al. teachings to discrete multi-tone.

Regarding claim 3, referring to FIG. 7, the receiver section 702 includes FFE 104.

Regarding claim 4, in column 16 line 65 via column 17 line 10, the P transmitted signals are referred to in combination as transmitted signal vector $x(n)$. The transmitted signal vector $x(n)$ consists of a known training sequence followed by unknown data. In light of that, the transmitted signal vector $x(n)$ is processed at the transmitter.

Regarding claim 5, as further disclosed in FIG. 7, the noise is a difference between output signal from matrix filter $G(z)$ and output from slicer 106 for a particular channel.

Regarding claim 6, referring back to FIG. 7, a DSP processor 710 controls matrix filter ($G(z)$) of MIMO FFE 104.

Regarding claim 8, FIG. 11 discloses a system including a wired digital communication system 1100 that includes a plurality of transmitters 1102A-1102G and a MIMO receiver 1104; see column 17 lines 64-67.

Yousef et al. does not specifically disclose fourteen channels.

In light of that, because wired digital communication system 1100 that includes a plurality of transmitters 1102A-1102G, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Yousef et al. teachings to comprise fourteen channels. Furthermore, Applicants do not show the significance of two or more channels comprising fourteen channels.

Regarding claim 9, FIG. 11 discloses a system including a wired digital communication system 1100 that includes a plurality of transmitters 1102A-1102G and a MIMO receiver 1104; see column 17 lines 64-67.

Regarding claim 29, claim is rejected on the same ground as for claim 1 because of similar scope.

Regarding claim 30, referring to FIG. 7, FFE coefficients are provided to the matrix filter $G(z)$ of MIMO FFE 804.

Regarding claim 31, as recited in claim 29 rejection, MIMO decision feedback equalization is used to mitigate inter-symbol interference (ISI), which is the coupling effects between channels.

Regarding claim 32, claim is rejected on the same ground as for claim 4 because of similar scope.

Regarding claim 33, claim is rejected on the same ground as for claim 6 because of similar scope.

Regarding claim 34, as recited in claim 32 rejection, the P transmitted signals are referred to in combination as transmitted signal vector $x(n)$ consisting of a known training sequence. In light of that, the coupling does not comprise alien NEXT.

Regarding claim 35, with the FFE coefficients determined, the FBE coefficients are computed by convolving the FFE coefficients with the channel impulse response h . In light of the foregoing disclosure, the FFE matrix filter is the only filter configured to reverse the effect of the channels.

Regarding claim 36, claim is rejected on the same ground as for claim 9 because of similar scope.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. Claims 10-28 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Brunel U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0041644 A1 discloses "Multi-user detection method".

Chi et al. U.S. Patent 7,050,490 B2 discloses "Blind adaptive filtering method for receivers of communication systems".

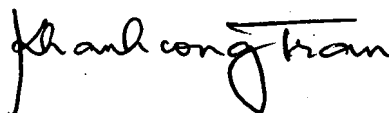
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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